

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 231

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Ballad Health hospital system.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those healthcare organizations that have achieved excellence in vital measures of quality care; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Johnson City, Ballad Health is one such organization, whose hospitals have recently been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*, Quantros, Inc., the American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart Association as being among the nation's elite healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, some of the multiple national rankings achieved by Ballad Health's Bristol Regional Medical Center, Holston Valley Medical Center, Johnson City Medical Center, and Indian Path Community Hospital include recognition for outstanding overall care by CareChex® and *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, Quantros named Johnson City Medical Center in the top ten percent of hospitals in the nation for patient safety in overall medical care and patient safety in trauma care in its 2023 CareChex® awards; and

WHEREAS, Holston Valley Medical Center was named by *U.S. News & World Report* as the ninth-ranked hospital in the State of Tennessee in its annual "Best Hospital" study; and

WHEREAS, in its 2023 CareChex® awards, Quantros rated Indian Path Community Hospital as being in the top ten percent of hospitals in the State of Tennessee for medical excellence in general surgery and patient safety in general surgery and in the top ten percent of hospitals in the nation for patient safety in overall surgical care; and

WHEREAS, Holston Valley Medical Center was also named among the top ten percent of Tennessee hospitals for patient safety in general surgery in the 2023 CareChex® awards; and

WHEREAS, Quantros named Bristol Regional Medical Center among the top 100 hospitals in the nation for medical excellence in neurological care and in the top ten percent of hospitals in the nation for patient safety in neurological care in its 2023 CareChex® awards; and

WHEREAS, Norton Community Hospital was recognized by Quantros as being one of the top ten percent of hospitals in the nation in the category of medical excellence in women's health in its 2023 CareChex® awards; and

WHEREAS, numerous other national and state rankings were awarded to the Ballad Health hospital system facilities in the categories of patient safety in hip fracture care, patient safety and medical excellence in spinal fusion, knee-replacement procedures, and cardiovascular care; and

WHEREAS, Bristol Regional Medical Center received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2022; the award recognizes the hospital's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients; and

WHEREAS, Holston Valley Medical Center received the American Heart Association's GoldPlus Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Quality Achievement Award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News & World Report* recognized Bristol Regional Medical Center, Holston Valley Medical Center, Franklin Woods Community Hospital, and Johnson City Medical Center as high-performing for pulmonary disease care; and

WHEREAS, a number of Ballad Health's facilities recently received national recognition for heart attack care and treatment, including Bristol Regional Medical Center, Holston Valley

Medical Center, Johnson City Medical Center, Lonesome Pine Hospital, and Johnston Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Quantros named Holston Valley Medical Center in the top 100 hospitals in the nation for medical excellence in interventional carotid care in its 2023 CareChex® awards, and *U.S. News & World Report* recognized Bristol Regional Medical Center, Johnson City Medical Center, and Holston Valley Medical Center with high-performing marks for their care of stroke patients, with all three receiving distinction for an excellent rate of discharging patients directly home; and

WHEREAS, additional top rankings and awards received by the Ballad Health hospital system came in the areas of colon cancer surgery, gallbladder removal, major neurological surgery, pneumonia care, gastrointestinal care, and sepsis care, with recognition in a number of categories by both Quantros and *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, this State places a high priority on the provision of competent and compassionate care in medical facilities, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize Ballad Health and its staff for their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Alan Levine, Chairman, President, and CEO; Tony Keck, Executive Vice President; Dr. Clay Runnels, Chief Physician Executive; Eric Deaton, Chief Operating Officer; Lynn Krutak, Chief Financial Officer; and Marvin Eichorn, Chief Administrative Officer, as well as the administrators, physicians, ancillary medical professionals, and staff of Ballad Health hospital system for the attainment of multiple national awards and recognition for overall excellence in quality and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.